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In re Application of  
Koerner, Ralph J.  
Application No. 10/590,180  
Filed: August 22, 2006  
Attorney Docket No. 204/505

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 28, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant, along with a copy of his U.S. Passport. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3206. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing. Thereafter, it will be referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 3765 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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